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SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER EVENTS AT THE MARYLAND ZOO

BALTIMORE, MD - Start the school year rolling with these events at The Maryland Zoo in Baltimore! Start fast and strong with "Jungle Jack Hanna", and learn a little bit about your new friends while celebrating African Penguin and Primate Awareness day!

Jack Hanna's "Into the Wild-LIVE" at Goucher College

September 7 | 7:00 PM | Goucher College – Kraushaar Auditorium

The Maryland Zoo in Baltimore is happy to host one of wildlife's biggest fans and supporters, "Jungle Jack" Hanna, director emeritus of The Columbus Zoo and host of "Into The Wild" and "Wild Countdown," nationally syndicated television shows. Jack will be appearing on Friday, September 7, 2012, at 7:00 pm in the Kraushaar Auditorium at Goucher College.

Hanna's "Into the Wild – LIVE" show features many of his favorite animal friends, along with stories and footage from his wildlife adventure travels around the world. Tickets are \$35 and Zoo members receive a \$10 discount per ticket. Tickets are on sale now at www.marylandzoo.org

Primate Awareness Day

September 22 | 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. | Creature Encounters/ Chimp Forest

What is the difference between an ape and a monkey? Learn the answer to this question and more during Primate Awareness Day at the Zoo! Crafts and educational activities will take place at Flockers Field and the Chimpanzee Forest. There will also be Keeper Chats, animal ambassador training demonstrations and fun enrichment activities taking place at the Chimp Forest! Free with regular Zoo admission.

Animal Enrichment Day

October 6 | 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. | Throughout the Zoo

During Animal Enrichment Day many of the Zoo's animals receive special gifts and Keepers provide enrichment demonstrations. From paper mache toys to delicious ice treats, you're bound to see some fun! For the complete animal enrichment schedule, visit www.marylandzoo.org Free with regular Zoo admission

African Penguin Awareness Day

October 14 | 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. | Creature Encounters/ Rock Island

Did you know that our African black-footed penguin colony is one of the largest in North America? Come learn more about the penguins on African Penguin Awareness Day! There will be activities at Creature Encounters, as well as animal enrichment and keeper chats at Rock Island. No tuxedos required! Free with regular Zoo admission.

OktoBEARfest

October 20 | 12 p.m. – 4 p.m. | Waterfowl Lake Pavilion

"OktoBEARfest," is a new event at the Zoo. This Fall beer festival will be held on Saturday, October 20, 2012, in conjunction with Baltimore Beer Week, from 12:00 pm until 4:00 pm at the Zoo's Waterfowl Lake Pavilion area and will feature a host of seasonal ales, Oktoberfest inspired foods and live music.

Tickets are \$40 for those 21 and over, and \$20 for guests 2-20 years of age. Zoo members receive a discount of \$10 per ticket at checkout. Ticket price includes unlimited sampling, a commemorative glass (for those 21 and over), admission to the Zoo, and access to food and artisan vendors. Tickets are now on sale at www.marylandzoo.org!

Big Cat Awareness Day

October 20 | 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. | African Journey big cat exhibits

Experience the world of big cats at the Maryland Zoo! Meet the lions, leopards & cheetah that live at the African Journey exhibits. Witness the big cats participate in enrichment activities during keeper chats and stop by the education stations to learn more about these cats. Free with regular Zoo admission.

ZooBOOO! presented by CFG Community Bank

October 26-28 | 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. | Waterfowl Lake Pavilion

Calling all ghosts, goblins, and friendly monsters! Come to the Zoo dressed to impress and enjoy free trick-or-treating, costume contests, fun carnival games, crafts, live entertainment, delicious food and more! Don't miss out on the most *spooktacular* festival of the year!

Stay up to date on Zoo events and information. For more information, please visit www.marylandzoo.org, "Like" us on Facebook www.facebook.com/marylandzoo and follow us on Twitter @MarylandZoo

About The Maryland Zoo in Baltimore

Founded in 1876, The Maryland Zoo in Baltimore is the third oldest zoo in the United States and is internationally known for its contributions in conservation and research. More than 1,500 animals are represented in the Zoo's varied natural habitat exhibits in areas such as Polar Bear Watch, the Maryland Wilderness, African Journey and the award-winning Children's Zoo. Situated in Druid Hill Park near downtown Baltimore, the Zoo is accredited by the Association of Zoos & Aquariums. For more information, visit www.marylandzoo.org.